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## Town may go to 1/12 budget

Town administrator recommends filing DLS paperwork

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – Interim town administrator Heather Munroe recommended that the town file paperwork with the Division of Local Services (DLS) in case the town meeting didn't happen before June 30.

The tentative date for the annual town meeting is Tuesday, June 16. She said the Division of Local Services recommended that towns get approval ahead of time in the event town meeting did not occur before the end of the fiscal year. Munroe said the town would need to file paperwork for the sewer and water enterprise accounts as well.

She said she would communicate with all department heads to make sure she has the correct budget information, get finance committee approval and would present to the board of selectmen at its first meeting in June for the board's approval.

The interim town administrator said the first assessment for the Quabbin Regional School District was due in July and would be over \$1 million. The Quabbin District member towns pay assessments

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## Legion cancels Memorial Day parade/barbecue

BARRE - Due to the Coronavirus, Barre Post 2, American Legion, the Veterans Service Officer, and the town of Barre, have determined it would be unwise to hold a Memorial Day parade. Additionally, Post 2 has reluctantly cancelled its annual chicken barbecue. The Legion has replaced all the flags marking Veteran's graves and placed flags on the poles around the common. Thank you for your continued support of Barre's Veterans. Dennis G. Fleming, Commander, Barre Post 2

## Dog licenses due by June 1

BARRE – All dogs six months of age and older must have a valid rabies certificate and be licensed with the town every year.

2019 dog and kennel licenses expired on March 31, 2020.

2020 dog and kennel licenses were due April 1, 2020. A late fee of \$20 per dog will be charged for all dogs licensed on or after June 1.

Applications are available at [www.townofbarre.com](http://www.townofbarre.com) or by calling 978-355-2594 extndion 5 or by emailing [clerk@townofbarre.com](mailto:clerk@townofbarre.com).

Cost is \$15 for unaltered dogs and \$10 for a neutered or spayed dog. All unpaid balances will be carried forward.

Applications and accompanying information and payment should be dropped off in the locked box outside of Henry Woods Building or mailed to the Town Clerk; P.O. Box 418; Barre, MA 01005 and should include a check made payable to the Town of Barre, copy of a valid rabies certificate, copy of last year license or application and a self addressed stamped envelope for the license and tag to be mailed back to owner.

## Parade honors first responders and essential workers



Turley Publications Photos by Ellenor Downer  
Stanley Miknaitis drives his Ford Falcon convertible in the vehicle appreciation parade for first responders and essential workers in Barre last Saturday, May 16.



Richard Stevens drives his Ford pickup truck in the appreciation parade last Saturday. His wife, Irene and their dog also rode in the truck.



A group of motorcyclists lead the parade that started at Quabbin Regional High School and ended in the center of Barre.

## Hubbardston finance committee hears town administrator report

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – Town administrator Ryan McLane said the Quabbin Regional School District (QRSD) staff discussed taking one million dollars in savings to reduce assessments to the member towns. It was a recommendation from the staff, but the QRSD Committee did not vote to do that at its meeting May 5.

McLane said if the committee did vote to use this one time revenue source in part from reduced transportation costs and salary reductions from furloughed employees, it would lower Hubbardston's assessment to 2.39 percent and result in 0.5 percent increase from last year. He said using a one-time revenue source would leave a hole in next year's budget.

Finance committee member Maria Tourigey recommended

level funding the school budget. She said she did not like that the school committee did not vote on the administrators recommendations. McLane said the school committee probably did not vote as they were trying to buy time so they know more and not guess. A level funded budget with the town's minimum local contribution calculation would amount to 1.5 percent.

The town administrator said the legislature most likely would not have a budget until July or August. He said he doubts the school district would have a budget by the end of the fiscal year and would go to a 1/12 budget. McLane said if the town did not have a town meeting by June 30, the town would have a 1/12 budget as well.

### Center school roof

The town administrator said the select board discussed including the school roof proj-

ect to be funded through a debt exclusion override on the Annual Town Meeting in June. If the override, which requires a ballot election failed at the annual town election on June 30, it could be presented again at a Special Town Meeting and a special town election in the fall. The finance committee concurred with the select board.

He said the Massachusetts School Building Agency (MSBA) kept the \$2.9 million project in the program for this year as they deemed the roof in urgent need of repairs. If approved by the MSBA and funding approved by the town, MSBA would reimburse about 60 percent. If the town fails to approve funding, it would lose the MSBA funds; the roof would still need to be replaced. Without

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## Oakham voters go to polls

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

OAKHAM – Ninety-one or just under 15 percent of the 1,354 registered voters went to the poll to vote in the annual town election Monday, May 18.

The polls were open noon-4 p.m. rather than the usual 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Due to COVID-19, the state allowed towns to change election dates and/or reduce polling hours. Voting hours had to be a minimum of four hours and begin by noon or before. On the recommendation of Town Clerk Chris Mardirosian, the board of selectmen decided to adjust the hours to noon-4 p.m.

To ensure social distancing only two voters were in the voting room at one time. Voters received a number when they pulled into the parking lot at the Oakham Town Hall. They entered to vote when Police Chief Fred Gehring displayed their number.

There were no contests on the ballot and several positions were blank. Donald A. Haapakoski, 300

Coldbrook Road, received 68 votes for a three-year term to selectman and Ariana R. O'Neill, 89 Crocker Nye Road, had 78 votes for a three-year term to the board of health. Susan M. Meyer, 439 Lincoln Road and a candidate for re-election, received 87 votes for a three-year term as library trustee and Walter H. Nutter, 114 Bullard Road and also a candidate for re-election, got 83 votes for a three-year term to the school committee. Phillip B. Warbasse, 485 East Hill Road, had 85 votes for a five-year term to planning board.

A two-year term to the board of health was blank on the ballot. Diana Vanoudenhove, 61 New Braintree Road, received 7 write-in votes. Dennis Bergin, 385 Hunt Road, got 18 write in votes for a three-year term as moderator. Also blank on the ballot was a three-year term to the board of assessor and a three-year term to the cemetery commission. There were several write-in votes for those two positions, but not enough to elect a candidate.



Turley Publications Photos by Paula Quimette  
The Deer Park Preserve entrance is located at 481 Barre Road in Hardwick.

By Paula Quimette  
Correspondent

HARDWICK – Not too far from the picturesque Hardwick Common, is the East Quabbin Land Trust's (EQLT) Deer Park Preserve located at 481 Barre Road. The trail is marked with blue blazes and follows the edge of a large field lined with birdhouses. This week, we decided to follow the Kitchen Garden trail and return to Deer Park via Simpson Road to Barre Road.

The trail we took departs from the field on the left, and crosses over a stream dotted with yellow marsh marigold and skunk cabbage. The trail is muddy in

areas, as expected in springtime, but comfortable to navigate. We noticed several old apple trees in addition to a variety of bird species. The highlight of our bird watching was seeing a male blackpoll warbler in his summer plumage.

Hardwick is known for its one-of-a-kind stonewalls, several of which you pass over on this trail. The trail even turns to rock ledge in several areas. Roughly about a mile into the woods, the trail open up into a vast clearing, known as the Coxhall Kitchen Garden.

The Coxhall Kitchen Garden is almost an acre of cleared land surrounded by a massive stone-

wall that towered over us in many spots. The land belonged to Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles, the founder of the Hardwick Community Fair, and one of Hardwick's most famous residents. He purchased this piece of land in 1771 and constructed the kitchen garden shortly after. The stonewalls served to keep animals out and to create a microclimate ideal for growing vegetables.

Now the Coxhall Kitchen Garden is the site for the EQLT's annual campout for families, held over a summer weekend. The children especially enjoy playing along the stonewalls and exploring the many trails that cross



A sturdy footbridge crosses a stream.

through the property. The kitchen garden is far enough from the roadways and houses, that no lights or sounds disrupt the peacefulness.

This is a popular sport for mountain bikers seeking a diverse and challenging terrain. The trails are well maintained by a network of volunteers to ensure the safety of hikers, and cyclists, alike.

After exploring the kitchen garden, we returned to Deer Park by walking along Simpson Road. This dirt road passes from Barre Road to Ruggles Hill Road and is difficult to travel by car in many areas.



Yellow marsh marigolds add bright splashed of color to the green landscape.





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The eagle has landed



Turley Publications Photo by Dennis G. Fleming  
 This photo was taken of the Veterans Park flagpole on Tuesday, May 13 afternoon. It reminded the photographer of a very important date in 1969.)

Rutland Pharmacy becomes COVID-19 test site

RUTLAND –The Rutland Pharmacy, 18 Maple Avenue, now offers free COVID-19 test collection. Rutland Pharmacy partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide testing to the public free of charge to help address the COVID-19 crisis. Rutland Pharmacy staff will provide extra support to Rutland patients during COVID-19 recovery efforts with appointment bases-drive-through test collection.

WHERE: Patients can make appointments for testing at DoINeedACovid19Test.com. They should include name, email, how and why for an appointment-for the drive-through COVID-19 test collec-

tion for pre- screened individuals.

Coronavirus symptoms and testing

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. If individuals have a cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or a new loss of taste or smell, they should consider testing. Updated CDC guidelines now also recommend testing for people with and without symptoms under certain conditions. Rutland Pharmacy will provide drive-through testing options for eligible patients. The test is self-administered with a nasal swab and once the sample kit is sealed, Rutland Pharmacy staff

submits the test to the lab for processing. Results are ready in three to five business days.

“We need widespread coronavirus testing now. We all want life to return to normal and one way to help is more COVID-19 testing options,” said Dr. Fred Lamas, RPh, Rutland Pharmacy. “We’re proud to serve Rutland in efforts to fight this virus.” The Rutland Pharmacy number is 508-886-6262.

The website infrastructure for DoINeedACovid19Test.com and laboratory services are provided by eTrueNorth, the U.S.-based healthcare technology company that enables laboratory testing at retail pharmacies. eTrueNorth is a contractor of HHS.

EQLT offers virtual forest bathing workshop

HARDWICK — East Quabbin Land Trust (EQLT) offers a virtual forest bathing workshop for women on Sunday, May 24 at 2 p.m. Women explore their own woods or a local preserve and then share their experience during a virtual forest bathing workshop.

Forest bathing is also known as Shinrin Yoku. It’s the practice of spending time in the forest for better health, happiness and a sense of calm. Shinrin Yoku began in Japan and is a way to reconnect with nature; whether walking mindfully in the woods, taking a break in the local park or walking barefoot on the lawn. Research proves that spending time around trees can reduce blood pressure, lower stress, boost energy, boost immune system and even help participants lose weight.

Women may register for the virtual workshop or get more information by calling EQLT at 413-477-8229, emailing chenshaw@EQLT.org or visiting! www.EQLT.org.

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Farmers market to open Saturday

Contingent on approval of the Barre Board of Health, the Barre Farmers’ Market will open Saturday, May 23 at 9 a.m. on the Barre Common. The farmers’ market runs from May to October.

Honoring graduates

The Barre Congregational Church will be honoring anyone graduating this year. People should email information to barrechurch@gmail.com with name, where they are graduating and future plans.

Dog licenses

All dogs six months of age and older must have a valid rabies certificate and be licensed with the town every year. 2019 dog and kennel licenses expired March 31. 2020 dog and kennel licenses were due April 1. A late fee of \$20 per dog will be charged for all dogs licensed on or after June 1. Applications are available at www.townofbarre.com or by calling 978-355-2594 extrndion 5 or by emailing clerk@townofbarre.com. Cost is \$15 for unaltered dogs and \$10 for a neutered or spayed dog. All unpaid balances will be carried forward. Applications and accompanying information and payment should be dropped off in the locked box outside of Henry Woods Building or mailed to the Town Clerk; P.O. Box 418; Barre, MA 01005 and should include a check made payable to the Town of Barre, copy of a valid rabies certificate, copy of last year license or application and a self addressed stamped envelope for the license and tag to be mailed back to owner.

Town election June 23

The Barre Board of Selectmen voted to hold the annual town election Tuesday, June 23 at its April 21 meeting. Both precincts will be open and polling hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

QRSD meal distribution days

The Quabbin Regional School District Food Service Department is distributing breakfast and lunch for all students in the district, age 18 and under. People do not have to attend a Quabbin school to participate. Distribution takes place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday while school is closed. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch will be distributed from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Hardwick Elementary School and the Quabbin Middle and High School. If parents have difficulty with transportation for food pickup, they may contact the Central Office at 978-355-4668 or email schoolmeals@qrsd.org.

SNAP assistance

Anyone recently laid off due to the coronavirus may call Eileen Clarkson, HS-BCP, CDP, MS, MPA, director of the Barre Senior Center at 774-764-8702 for assistance in applying for the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Turtle count

The following people counted turtles in the May 14 Barre Gazette.  
 Barbara Kempski counted 6 turtles.  
 Laura McCarthy counted 6 turtles.  
 James and Lizzie Laramée counted 5 turtles.  
 There were 6 turtles in the edition.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE – Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of May 25.

Meal sites are closed. There is only delivery of Meals on Wheels.

Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Memorial Day  
 No meal served

TUES. – Buttermilk chicken, Red Bliss potatoes, country blend vegetables, fruit, corn muffin

WED. – Baked potato with chili and cheese, broccoli, sour cream, fruit, pumpernickel bread

THURS. – Beef stew, rice, corn niblets, fruit, French bread

FRI. – Shepherd’s pie, carrots, peas, dessert item, Italian bread

\*Diabetic friendly dessert

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Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

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# News of the Towns

## Hubbardston

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### Egg delivery time changes

Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed until at least May 18. The time for egg delivery on Fridays changed to 10 a.m. to noon. There will be no fresh produce until further notice. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.

#### Memorial Day parade cancelled

The Memorial Day Parade Committee announces the cancellation of the annual Memorial Day parade this year due COVID-19. Although there will be no parade, those that lost their lives during wars will be remembered with a small group of participants and maybe a video of the ceremony.

#### Council on Aging

Due to COVID-19 virus the town wide yard sale will be moved up to September. The Council on Aging will start taking donations for town wide yard sale as soon as the danger of COVID-19 is over.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: All meetings are closed to the public and will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

Finance Committee – May 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sewer Commission – May 21 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Committee – May 26 at 7 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – May 28 at 11 a.m.  
Historical Commission – June 1 at 7 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – June 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – June 3 at 1 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – June 4 at 3 p.m.  
Board of Health – June 8 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – June 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – June 8 at 7 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – June 9 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – June 10 at 7 p.m.  
Annual Town Meeting – June 16 at 6:30 p.m.  
Annual Town Election – June 23 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Finance Committee – May 26 at 5:30 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – May 26, June 8 and June 22, July 6 and July 20 at 6:30 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – June 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – June 8 at 5:30 p.m. and July 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – June 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – June 4 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – June 4 at 7 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Board of Selectmen – May 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – May 26 and June 30 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – June 2 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – June 3 at 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Commission – June 6 at 10 a.m.  
Town Center Committee – June 18 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Board of Health – May 21 and June 4 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – May 28 at 7 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – June 2 and June 30 at 7 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – June 2 at 7:30 p.m.  
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – June 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – June 11 at 7 p.m.  
Council on Aging – Aug. 20 at 10 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Library Board of Trustees – June 21 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – May 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board Public Hearings – May 26 at 6:50 and 7:05 p.m.  
Annual Town Election – June 22

## Postponements and cancellations due to the coronavirus pandemic

MOC CFCE temporarily suspended playgroups and other family events until at least through May. Governor Baker declared a state of emergency hoping to contain the spread of the coronavirus across the Commonwealth. The Parent Child Plus program will continue to operate with your Early Learning Specialist continuing to visit with enrolled.

Massachusetts 4-H programs, activities and club meeting are cancelled until further notice. This includes advisory councils, fair boards, horse advisories and events. Groups are allowed to meet virtually.

Oakham Congregational Church will not hold Sunday worship service through May.

Hubbardston Senior Center, 7A Main St., Hubbardston is closed until at least Tuesday, May 18. The eggs will still be available Thursdays at the same time and produce will still be available Wednesdays and Fridays with pickup outside. People may call the senior center at 978-928-1400, extension 211 with any questions.

The Gardner Museum, following recommendations from local and state health officials and American Alliance of Museums guidelines in response to ongoing COVID-19 prevention measures, will be closed to the public effective immediately until at least through May.

Stage on Main, 17 South Main St., Orange has suspended all events until at least through May as a precaution against COVID-19.

Fobes Memorial Library in Oakham will be closed to the public until at least through May. Library staff will be available to answer calls and assist with digital resources.

All Barre Town Buildings

will be closed at least until at least through May to the public, except by appointment and include the Henry Woods Building, Woods Memorial Library, the Council on Aging (senior center), old Town Hall, the public safety building, fire stations and DPW. Please call an office before visiting in many cases staff is able to assist over the phone or by mail. Meals on Wheels program and wellness checks for seniors will continue.

The town of Hubbardston is closing all town buildings to the public until at least through May. Offices will continue to provide services of the government to residents. The closure will result in the delivery of services remotely. All public safety operations will continue.

The Haston Free Public Library in North Brookfield library trustees decided to close the library effective immediately until at least through May. Library staff will be on site for short periods Monday through Thursday to collect mail and respond to phone messages.

East Quabbin Land Trust postponed its 19th annual dinner and silent auction to Saturday, Sept. 19.

EQLT rescheduled its accessible trail workday to June 21.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announced the Quabbin Visitor's Center is closed to the public, though the property is accessible. Those accessing the property are reminded that vehicles must exit at the posted time.

The Grandview Tenants Association has changed their annual raffle and bazaar from the beginning of June to the beginning of October this year.

Theatre at the Mount's "Honky Tonk Angels" (June) has been officially cancelled

and they will make a decision about their August production of "Newsies." It is too early to predict what will happen with the rest of the season but they hope to resume normal operations as soon as it is safely possible. performances (June). For questions about tickets, people may contact box-office@mwcc.mass.edu. For other issues and concerns, please contact Professor Gail Steele at g\_steele@mwcc.mass.edu.

Tri-Parish Community Church 2020 Plant, Bake, Tag, and Craft Sale originally scheduled for May 30 and 31 has been cancelled for this year. The annual event will be back the first weekend in June 2021.

Because the safety of auxiliary members is the major concern, all American Legion Post 2 Auxiliary functions have been cancelled until further notice. Members will be kept informed as to when meetings will resume.

Wachusett Greenways events are cancelled through June 30. During this time the portable restrooms are removed from the Mass Central Rail Trail to protect from spreading the virus. Please greet others on the trail with a smile or wave as you pass at a good distance. Do not pass closely or draw near to people or pets on the trail.

Massachusetts Wildlife Management Areas are open, fishing is open and trout stocking will continue.

Bay State Equine Rescue (BSER) president Susan Sheridan announced the cancellation of the 5K Run Like the Dickens slated for July 12, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Historically, the race has been very well attended, but the safety and well-being of the runners, supporters and volunteers is the top priority. The race is held at Old Sturbridge Village.

## Oakham

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### Church to remain closed

The Oakham Congregational Church will remain closed through the month of May due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The church plans to hold services when gatherings of 50 are allowed. The Rev. Timothy Hanley said in a letter, "Much will require changing – space in pews, masks, arranged exiting the building, no coffee hour, no Sunday School and social distancing at all times."

#### BSER cancels 5K race

Bay State Equine Rescue (BSER) president Susan Sheridan announced the cancellation of the 5K Run Like the Dickens slated for July 12, 2020 at Old Sturbridge Village due to the COVID-19 pandemic. BSER located in Oakham is a large-animal shelter specializing in equines and has an all-volunteer group called to support and care for neglected, abused and abandoned horses. BSER is exclusively publicly supported, which means it relies on fundraisers and donations to operate. Like many organizations, the pandemic has put us a terrible financial position. Donations have decreased and the organization has cancelled fundraisers. People are asked to consider making a donation to BSER. They may mail a check to Bay State Equine Rescue, 415 Hunt Road, Oakham, MA 01068. With continued help, BSER is committed to continuing Run Like the Dickens in the future and so much more. People that already registered for the race and want a refund should email kmo@baystateequinrescue.com.

#### Town hall

The Oakham Town Hall is closed to the public until at least the end of May. All public meetings will be physically closed to the public. The Oakham Police Department and Fire Department will always respond immediately to all 911 emergencies.

#### Fobes Memorial Library

The Fobes Memorial Library will be closed to the public through at least May at which time the situation will be re-assessed. Library staff will be available to answer calls and assist with digital resources.

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**How COVID-19 hits home.**

Here in the North Quabbin region, we're seeing unprecedented demand for food assistance. Local food pantries and homeless shelters are rising to the challenge to help our most at-risk populations. But they can't do it alone.

**What it means to be a "community bank."**

At Athol Savings Bank, we know what it means to be a community bank. Since 1867, we've helped North Quabbin towns survive the Great Depression, two world wars and scores of other hard times. For over 150 years, we've been guided by service to our community. And we're not about to stop now.

**How we're helping those who need it most.**

In May, Athol Savings Bank will make \$1,000 donations to seven local food banks:

- Winchendon Community Action Council
- Barre Food Pantry at the Congregational Church
- Gardner Community Action Committee
- Templeton Food Pantry in Baldwinville
- Athol Salvation Army Corp
- North Quabbin Food-A-Thon
- Ashburnham Community Church

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Opinion

Column

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

About the “Earnings Test” and “Registering”

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: Does tax filing status matter when calculating how much you can earn without a reduction in your monthly Social Security payout? My wife and I have filed a joint income tax return for years. My wife is working and I'm 62 and wondering if I start drawing Social Security, does the earnings limit only relate to what I earn, or does it include what my wife earns as well? Is the earnings limit tied to our IRS filing status? I need to know if I should file my taxes as a single to be sure my wife's earnings are not combined with mine to affect my Social Security payment. Also, I've read that it's recommended to register online with Social Security if you're 62. As I understand it, this should be done even if one's not intending to start benefits yet. Is this true? What are the benefits for doing this? Does it make for a quicker start of payments once the election to start benefits is made? Would it help my wife should I die prior to starting my benefits? Signed: Wondering

Dear Wondering: Income tax filing status doesn't matter when it comes to determining if your earnings from work exceed Social Security "earnings limit." If you collect Social Security before you reach your full retirement age (FRA), your wife's earnings from working will not be counted toward your personal Social Security earnings limit. The earnings test looks only at your personal earnings and, if you exceed the limit, Social Security will take back some of your benefits. But only your personal earnings – as reported on your W-2 or Self-Employment tax return – count. If you're not working, then your Social Security benefits will not be affected by the earnings test, even if you file a joint return which has an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) which is more than the annual earnings limit because your wife works.

As for your second question: it is not necessary, nor would it gain you any advantage, to "register" with Social Security before you are ready to claim your benefits. Indeed, Social Security does not even provide you with a way to do that. What they do provide is a way for you to create your own personal "My Social Security" online account, which gives you access to all of the online features provided by the Social Security Administration, including allowing you to apply for your benefits online (the fastest way to claim) whenever you're ready to do that.

Having an online Social Security account doesn't provide you with any benefit advantage, but it allows you to monitor your lifetime earnings record, get a replacement Social Security card if needed and get estimates of your current and future Social Security benefits to help you decide when to claim. You can create your personal "My Social Security" account by going to [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). They use a "two-factor" security process, which means you'll not only need to set up a password but also a second way to confirm your identity (usually via a code sent to a text-enabled cell phone or your email account). But, even if you have this online account pre-established, your wife will still need to contact Social Security directly to claim her survivor benefit if you predeceased her. Survivor benefits must be applied for by the surviving spouse directly contacting Social Security.

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In Past Pages

5 years ago (May 21, 2015)

More than 50 visitors and guests joined Petersham Grange No. 95 on May 5 as the Grange presented its 2015 Citizen Award to Larry Robinson of Petersham. The presentation, held in the Congregational Church Hall on North Main Street, was opened by Grange Secretary Ruth Robinson who introduced Robinson and members of his family to the audience. Grange Master Barbara Hardaker presented Robinson with the Grange's Citizen Award plaque. Robinson, a third-generation life-long resident of town, worked at the Walter Fernald School for 37 years, retiring in 2008. A U.S. Navy veteran, Robinson has been active for decades in numerous town organizations including as commander of the Petersham Chapter of the American Legion. He has been a member of the Petersham Fire Department for 51 years and was on staff with the town's highway department including as superintendent. He is a founding charter member and twice past president of the Petersham Lions Club. Robinson is a member of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club and is an active member of the Orthodox Congregational Church of Petersham. Members of the Fire Department, Police Department, Lions Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Red Knights and the Congregational Church all spoke about Robinson's long and devoted history of generous volunteer service to the community. He is known for his countless hours of hard work behind the scenes and always being available to those in need.

Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) students enrolled in a range of academic programs and involved in numerous activities have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will be included in the 2015 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Local honorees are Amanda Baldino and Chelsea Garrity, both of Barre; Micaiah Bushnell of Hubbardston and Evan Bonenfant of Petersham.

Westfield State University senior Kelsey Carpenter was honored with the athletics department's Peter Mazza award at last week's Athletics Awards Banquet. Carpenter, a native of Barre, and a graduate of Quabbin Regional High School has been a two-sport athlete, excelling on the field in both softball and field hockey, where she was a second-team all-Little East selection. A highly active member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, she served as the SAAC president this year, and has been the school's first representative to the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. In the classroom, this senior criminal justice major carries a 3.92 grade point average, and was named a "Scholar of Distinction" by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

10 years ago (May 27, 2010)

More than 200 friends, family,

Look Back  
Memorial Day - 2010



Turley Publications File Photo

**Eight-year-old Riley Smith recites the Pledge of Allegiance during the Hubbardston Memorial Day ceremony.**

colleagues and community members turned out at the Colonial Inn in Gardner Saturday night to honor retiring Petersham Chief of Police Denis Legare. Master of Ceremonies Dick Ferrucci did a fine job of "roasting" the chief and introduced a host of distinguished guests, who presented Legare with various gifts and citations of appreciation, including state Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) and state Rep. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), who presented Legare with citations from The Massachusetts State Senate and the Massachusetts House of Representatives, respectively. Brewer, who has known Legare for fifty years, lauded the Chief's leadership in building a new police station, his passion and vision for the department and called him a very good man, who had performed a lifetime of service to the community.

The Mass Central Rail Trail grew by 110' May 20 when a new bridge was installed over Muddy Pond Brook in Oakham just west of the Route 122 crossing. Wachusett Greenways, in partnership with the Department of Conservation and recreation, purchased and installed the bridge to replace the original Muddy Pond Brook crossing that was washed out in the 1938 hurricane. The beautiful new continental bridge by ConTech came all the way from Minnesota and was carefully lowered into place by a 275-ton crane. The project was managed by volunteers Ed Yaglou and Bruce Pennino, professional engineer.

World War II veteran Dominic Franciose received a birthday present early this year. On April 24, one day before his 88th birthday, Dominic joined 79 World War II veterans on a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial. They were all part of the Third Southwest Florida Honor Flight. Dominic was a long time resident of Barre and life member of Barre American Legion Post #2. Dominic now resides in north Port, Florida with his wife Dorothy.

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25 years ago (May 25, 1995)

Sitting in front of a black and white television screen when she was 10 years old and seeing Buzz Aldrin standing on the moon pro-

pelled Wendy B. Lawrence into a career as an astronaut. Last week, having returned from a trip into space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour, Navy Lt. Commander Wendy B. Lawrence spoke to close to 300 children and adults at Holden Christian Academy. It was the fact that Susan Hayward, a resident of Barre and principal of the school, is a friend of Meg Given, who is a friend of Lt. Cmdr. Lawrence that propelled the astronaut on this visit to Holden. Susan is the wife of Rev. Gary Hayward, pastor of Covenant Evangelical Church of Barre. The Christian school was founded last fall to provide excellence in education from a biblical perspective.

Adam A. Southwick, 14, has recently received the Eagle Scout badge, Scouting's highest honor. Adam, son of Cheryl and Ralph Southwick of Athol and grandson of Phyllis and Ralph Southwick of Barre, has been a member of Athol's troop 8 for the last four years, serving in many leadership positions. His Eagle Scout project was the restoration of the picnic area at the Bearsden Conservation Area in Athol, which required clearing pine overgrowth, making new paths, and painting picnic tables.

Dr. Raymond Crawford, who has been writing a garden column for the Barre Gazette under the pseudonym "A. Gardener" for nearly 20 years, passed away quietly on Tuesday in his home. Ray had physical problems, and learned last August he had cancer of the bile duct, yet I never heard him utter a word of complaint. He continued to work in his garden and greenhouse, and write his column as well as the Oakham news until this past week. Ray was a faithful employee. He was always prompt with his column and the Oakham news. He did miss a few weeks while on his honeymoon, and two weeks recently when he just wasn't feeling up to sitting at the typewriter. But even while recovering from knee surgery, he was at the door before the deadline each week. Ray's passing will leave a big void in our newspaper.

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Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude, the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,  
Missy got up as usual and after testing for her diabetes, fed the birds and proceeded to get our breakfast. When I didn't appear right away, she became curious and wondered just where I was.

Missy had left the wash basket in the hallway for her daughter to pick up this morning. Last night, I discovered the basket and burrowed right down in the basket for a long night's sleep. When Missy came looking for me, I was just stretching and wiggling my way out of the basket.

Missy just laughed and said she hoped I had a good night's sleep. Yep, that was just great. I'll have to try it again next week. Missy isn't supposed to go downstairs so she won't be doing her wash for a couple of weeks until her back is better.

We sauntered together into the kitchen and had our delicious breakfasts. After that Missy was busy working on her puzzle. She gets upset with it a lot.

So, I wandered into the dining room and was going to see what was new in Missy's sewing cupboard. However, as I walked around I spied a shiny thing under the edge of the big side cupboard. I think it is called a "thimble" and I know Missy uses it when she hand sews. Good, now I have a chance to bat it around the room. It does roll very nicely and I must be careful and not hit it too hard and lose it.

So I took it in my mouth and started for the computer room to put it with my other trinkets for future use especially when Timothy comes. Just as I got started Missy saw me. "Oh, Gertrude," she said. "What a good cat you are to find my thimble. I looked everywhere and didn't see it. Thank you."

Wow, folks, that's the first time I have gotten praise for what I had done. I don't know if I can handle that.

Love,  
Gertrude



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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

Next week is Memorial Day, but there will be no parades or ceremonies. I can still go to the cemeteries and bring some flowers to honor those who passed.

I was surprised by my oldest daughter with an iPad for Mother's Day. Now, I need to learn to use it. It will be my first. I am making a case for it with directions I found on YouTube. You take an old book a little bigger than your iPad, cut out the pages and cover it with fabric and make a separate cardboard unit covered with fabric and elastics at each corner to hold the iPad. This unit gets hot glued to the book cover. I learned they cost about \$50 to purchase one so thought I could put my crafting skills to use.

Here is a recipe for cookies that you may like to make. It is one of my favorite recipes.

### MARTHA STEWART'S MOLASSES COOKIES

1 1/2 cup flour  
1 cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Sift in big mixing bowl. Add 1/2 cup melted and cooled shortening, one large egg and stir. Add 1/4 cup unsulphured molasses and 3/4 cup rolled oats. Preheat oven to 375 degrees and with an ice cream scoop make 16 cookies. Put some sugar in a bowl and press with a glass dipped in the sugar onto the cookies. Bake for 12 minutes.

### This and That

It is getting very colorful at Serenity Hill this week. The sand cherry, azaleas, flowering quince and PJM are in full bloom. In the orchard the cherry and plum trees are in bloom.

We also have had a bobcat, turkeys, squirrels, a bear, chipmunks and a raccoon visiting.

I got two bags of Black Gold to spread on special plants and in pots that I plan to plant when the weather promises no more frost.

The hollyhock seedlings have had to be transplanted twice. I will put them out soon.

My youngest daughter brought me a lovely hanging petunia and a plate of chocolate covered strawberries for Mother's Day. The neighbors sent me up a delicious banana bread and a lovely thank you card that the twins made. I had made them some facemasks that they were happy with.

In the sewing room this week I made my favorite apron pattern and a tablecloth out of a patchwork that I had made a while back. I really don't need another quilts so made it into a table cover.

"Surround yourself with what you love: whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge." It certainly is right now.

Have a good week and stay safe. People are being good about wearing masks in public. I got some more goodies at the Senior Center this week. Every bit helps.

## Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from North Brookfield. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, May 25. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Barbara Laborde, Raul Laborde and Phillip Warbasse correctly identified last week's photo. Last week's photo was by the Camp Putnam sign at the intersection of Rutherford and Worcester Roads in New Braintree.

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quarterly. She said it might be necessary to look into a temporary modification of the regional agreement for monthly assessment payments to free up cash.

### Town meeting

Munroe said that the moderator has the authority to postpone a town meeting for 30 days. Selectmen tentatively scheduled the town meeting for June 16. The interim town administrator will present the board with draft warrant Tuesday, May 26.

### Use of town property

The board discussed in length

the use of town property. Town counsel James Baird participated in the discussion via telephone. The board approved the use of the Barre Common for the Barre Farmers' Market that plans to open this Saturday, May 23 contingent on approval of the board of health. Selectman Gregory O'Sullivan said that farmers' markets were on the Governors first list of essential businesses.

The interim town administrator said the Governor authorized religious worship, construction and manufacturing to resume. She said the town rents the use of town hall to the Grace Reformation Bible Church. Now that religious wor-

ship is allowed with certain limits of capacity, she said the group might want to return to using the town hall. She will contact the church to see what its plans are. Town counsel suggested contacting the town's insurance carrier to see if the town is covered if there is a COVID-19 incident.

Selectman O'Sullivan said he was in favor of allowing the use of town hall for the church and the common for the farmers' market. He said the town should look at requests for use of town property on a case by case basis. Sullivan said there was "no rational to many of the these [government] orders."

### PAST PAGES

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38 years ago (May 26, 1982)

Thirteen-year-old Inga Rosen, a seventh grade student at Quabbin Regional High School, placed fifth in a field of 120 at a recent state gymnastics meet. That qualified her for a spot in the regional meeting to be held June 5 and 6 at Southern Connecticut State College in New Haven. Fifteen gymnastics students from the six New England states will compete. At the state meet, Inga competed in the junior age group, Class III, and received medals for floor exercise, vaulting and all around. She is enrolled at the Joanne Giguere School of Gymnastics in Cherry Valley and keeps her proficiency by working out 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours each week. Inga is the daugh-

ter of Robert and Ursula Rosen.

The Petersham special town meeting held last week was another of the wait for a quorum type with a 30 minute delay while selectmen and finance board members sought out fellow citizens by phone and flagging them down on the highway. Bylaws require 10 percent for any town meeting, which in the case of specials is always hard to come by. Moderator Richard Nickless was ready to declare the meeting closed without action at 8:30 when the 62nd and magic number walked in. In contrast, it took just seven minutes to dispose of the five-article warrant.

Abe Harrington startled our quiet office Friday afternoon when he told us to look out by the Common. Sure enough an unusual sight prompted

me to head out across the Common, pen and paper in hand, to learn the where-frogs and where-tos of this group driving beautifully polished antique cars. They hailed from Framingham and were making a brief stop in Barre before heading to Stockbridge for the Red Lion Inn. The five antique cars driven by such a happy colorful group included a 1928 Rolls Royce called the Newmarket, named, I was told, after Newmarket Square in London, a very impressive LeSalle touring car, a striking Cadillac of 1924 vintage, and the oldest of the group, a 1916 Cadillac who owner, Mr. Murphy, has an antique Cadillac and Rolls Royce restoration shop in Ashland, Massachusetts. As the entourage began to drive off, I called out to one driver, "How many miles do you get to the gallon?" "Eight!" he replied and smiled as he drove off.

DEDHAM – In times of need, people come together to support one another. The American Red Cross is asking for healthy individuals to step up to help patients experiencing health crises by donating blood or platelets.

As COVID-19 continues to affect everyday life, people may not be thinking about blood donation. But blood and platelets are needed daily to help patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. Donating blood is an easy way to care for each other and ensure hospitals have the blood products patients rely on.

As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, all who come to give blood or platelets May 15-31 will receive a special Red Cross "We're all in this together" T-shirt, by mail, while supplies last. Donors must have a valid email address on file to claim their T-shirt.

Healthy individuals, who are feeling well are asked to make an appointment to donate this May by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Each Red Cross blood drive and

donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control and additional precautions including social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to safeguard donors, volunteers and employees.

The Red Cross is also looking for blood drive hosts to help ensure a stable blood supply. Learn more and sign up to sponsor a drive by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive](http://RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Worcester at the Worcester Blood Donation Center, 381 Plantation St., Worcester include: May 21 and 28 from 11:15 a.m. to 6:45 p.m., May 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; May 25 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and May 26 from noon-7:30 p.m. and May 27 from noon-7:15 p.m.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Springfield at Springfield Blood Donation Center, 150 Brookdale Drive, Springfield include: May 21 from 11:45 a.m. to 7 p.m.; May 22 and 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; May 23, 24, 30 and 31 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; May 25 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; May 26 and 28 from 11:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. and May 27 from 11:45 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, people may visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [cruz-rojaamericana.org](http://cruz-rojaamericana.org), or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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North Brookfield

North Brookfield Savings Bank donates to local food pantries

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Savings Bank (NBSB) and its employees have always been deeply connected to their local communities, offering service through various acts of volunteerism and contributions. The bank and its valued community ambassadors are always striving to find a way to spread hope, kindness and support to those in their communities, whether it be offering an uplifting word to someone who is struggling, making a donation to an important cause or giving time to make the shared community experience the best it can be. While as of late they have not been able to be out in the community doing what they love most, they have still been suggesting and implementing new

ways of showing their care for the communities. Most recently, in an effort to ease the struggles of community members, North Brookfield Savings Bank made donations to local food pantries to help the remarkable pantry volunteers to stock their shelves and distribute grocery store gift cards to local residents in need. In a time when many locals are facing hardships because of the pandemic, including job loss and illness, it is an unfortunate reality that some residents are also struggling to put food on the table. It is the bank's hope to do their part to ease those struggles. North Brookfield Savings Bank donated to the following local food pantries supporting the relative com-

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Palmer for more information 413-283-3614 Belchertown Ecumenical Food Pantry, 24 Jabish St., Belchertown for more information 413-323-6272 Before visiting these food pantries, it is suggested to contact them for their specific hours, ID or paperwork requirements and policies for pick up during the pandemic. As a local and dependable bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank has been a part of its communities for over 165 years. It is their commitment to their values of supporting their communities and sharing kindness that drives them and forms the foundation of their business. This has always been their way of doing business, but now more than ever they are working hard to

ensure that their community members know NBSB is here to support them. From the creation and distribution of vital and informative resources on their website, through active support of their customers as they adopt unfamiliar but important remote banking options, as they implement innovative ways to continue to offer the same great service through their drive-ups and as they assist businesses as they navigate loans programs, to offering great online and mobile banking options, NBSB is here to help. "It is an unfortunate reality that these hard and uncertain times can pose great challenges for many individuals. Our local food pantries are great resources that help support our community members in need

and it is our honor to help them in their efforts," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. "Thank you to the many local volunteers who keep these vital pantries running during these times, when they are needed more than ever." To learn more about North Brookfield Savings Bank's community giving efforts and all of the convenient banking products and services offered, people may visit www.NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com. North Brookfield Savings Bank is a mutual savings bank with full-service branches in North Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Ware, Belchertown, Palmer and Three Rivers Village of Palmer.

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Senate authorizes short-term borrowing

BOSTON – The Massachusetts State Senate convened recently for the first-ever remote session in the history of the body to pass legislation to allow short-term borrowing to meet the Commonwealth's financial obligations. When asked about the passage of the legislation Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) commented, "During this stressful time it is necessary that we do all we can to assist in finding stability and financial assistance is one way we can do that. I will continue to work with and for my district as we get through together." "I am proud of the Senate's ability to meet the challenges of this public health pandemic and humbled by the historic nature through which today's vote was taken," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "The legislation that advanced today will help the Commonwealth responsibly meet near-term budget challenges as we continue to address the impacts of COVID-19. I'd like to thank Senate Ways and Means Chair Michael Rodrigues as well my colleagues for their bipartisan support of this legislation." The legislation, An Act to Facilitate the Delay of the Income Tax Filing Deadline, complements legislative action taken in early April to extend the income tax filing deadline to July 15, which provided flexibility to residents and families across the state amid the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The extension mirrors actions taken on the federal level. To ensure budgetary stability, the bill allows the treasurer to borrow during Fiscal Year 2020 to meet financial obligations that would normally be fulfilled through income tax filings. The bill now heads to the governor's desk.

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department, town clerk, tax collector and possibly the library. Employees would wear masks, but they could take off the mask when alone. He also was looking at purchasing a sprayer for sanitizing. He said phase 2 would happen possibly in July if the numbers of cases were low would allow public access to buildings, but access would still be by appointment only. He said wearing masks may continue for 12 months.

Town meeting

Select board chair Daniel Galante recommended requesting the town moderator push the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 to Tuesday, June 23. The board concurred. The moderator has the authority to postpone a town meeting. Galante also said he did not recommend mailing a copy of the warrant to residents this year as changes there most likely would be changes and it would not be correct. The town administrator said most likely the town meeting would be outside. In case of rain, the moderator would postpone the meeting to Wednesday, June 24. The town would be holding a special town meeting in the fall. All but the necessary items would be put on the special town meeting warrant.

Budget

The town administrator went over the budget with the board. He said the fire engine repair could be \$2,000 or up to \$30,000 if the pump needed replacing. The school water tank must be repaired at a cost of \$7,500. The school asked the town to pay for it and the work would be done in July. He said free cash was \$100,000, the same as last year. He said motor vehicle excise tax most likely would be lower as people are not buying new cars now. Fees were still coming in. He said the town was getting about ½ of what it expected in new growth as there was no growth in the spring. Local receipts dropped by \$50,000. McLane said the town had a 7.5 percent assessment from the Quabbin Regional School District. A 3 percent assessment was what the town could afford. Chair Galante said, "[The town] only can pay what it can."

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the MSBA funds, the town would have to pay the full amount. Warrant articles The finance committee voted to recommend annual town meeting articles 1 to 6 and 11 to 16. Articles 7 to 10 did not require finance recommendation. Article 17 was the school roof project. Two articles used free cash for \$6,000 for a Master Plan and \$25,000 for the town center project. An article for playground equipment would use Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds.





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## Panthers were set for big season on the track

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School girls track team was one of a few teams with a large number of seniors set to make their mark this spring.

Coach Melissa Leslie believed the group was special, both talented and great students and teammates.

She recognized the following seniors:

Emily Hood – “A hard worker who leads quietly by example, had a big improvement in her mile time last spring and had a great indoor season this year.”

Emmeline Riendeau – “All-around athlete willing to try any event at least once, mature athlete who is a big help keeping the team moving and organized during practice. Central/Western MA D2 qualifier in high jump, also strong indoor competitor.”

Meg Ennis – “She was a big mile runner last season. She loves javelin, and was a District meet competitor in that event, great motivator of her teammates.”

Morgan Fleischer – “She was a disciplined athlete, hurdler, and a District meet competitor in javelin.”

Samantha Prentiss – “A talented sprinter and pole vaulter. She was the district champion in the pole vault, an at-large League All-Star, D2 competitor in pole vault, and in the 100 meter and 4 by 100 meter. Her passion is pole vault, worked with a pole vault club throughout indoor season in preparation for the spring season,



Quabbin's Georgia Shampine in the triple jump at last year's Central-West Meet.

would have definitely broken the 21-year old outdoor school record in the event given the chance as she cleared the record height at an indoor exhibition meet.”

Georgia Shampine – “She was big in the hurdles, and jumps. “She was a strong competitor in her events, had a great 2018 season, struggled with some injuries last season, was hoping to come back strong for 2020.

Helena Shampine – “Also competed in hurdles, jumps, Junior

year was her first year of track, and she broke the 100 meter hurdle and triple jump records, competed at the All-State Meet in the triple jump. I would have loved to see what she could do in her second year in this sport.”

Leslie reflected on her seniors, saying she loves seeing the evolution of the athlete from start to finish.

“I love watching the personal growth that happens from freshman to senior year and these girls

have grown into compassionate and supportive people and have brought a positive light to the team that, as anyone who coaches or teaches high school students knows, is sometimes difficult to achieve in large groups,” said Leslie. “I feel for the seniors who have lost out on the experiences that the last semester of high school holds and while I know that it's probably easy for them to feel discouraged, I also know that this group of girls in particular will be able to see the bigger



File photos

Quabbin's Sam Prentiss pole vaults to victory as district champion in 2019.

picture and will continue to grow despite their current circumstances.”

Leslie believed the seniors who were coming back were in for a big season.

“I was looking forward to a successful season with these girls leading the way,” said Leslie. “I do feel a huge hole in my afternoons where I should be out at the track working hard with my team. This season we would have had most of the events covered in terms of being able to enter someone who could place well at any meet, I think we would have been strong league contenders and would have had many of our athletes qualify for post-season competitions.”

## Submit senior athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring's season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

## Guidelines updated for safe golfing

REGION – Golf is a healthy outdoor activity that is viable and relatively low risk. It is also an outlet for people to exercise and seek some physical and mental respite from the state's stay-at-home advisory, all while supporting economic activity and employment in the local golf industry. With vast areas of open space with fresh-cut grass, trees, streams and ponds, a golf course provides the unique ability for social distancing in a stress-free environment.

That said, there are guidelines that will be in place to protect the safety of our golf community, including players, golf course staff, and club and course officials. These changes cover everything from booking a tee time to departing the golf course, and all things between. The ultimate goal is to keep everyone safe while they're playing and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As golf season resumes, it is the responsibility of members and employees at all Massachusetts golf courses and facilities to strictly adhere to these guidelines that the state's Re-Opening Advisory Board has issued to ensure that golf remains an appropriate recreational activity. Additional measures may be put into place as we adapt to the “new normal” for the foreseeable future.

“We're excited that this first step has been made to re-open golf,” said Jesse Menachem, Mass Golf's Executive Director/CEO. “Our work isn't done yet. We will continue to work with the Governor's

Administration to further clarify the orders and keep our members informed as the situation continues to evolve. We will base our decisions surrounding Mass Golf events on the safety and well-being of all of us.”

As a reminder, we are in score posting season and the USGA has addressed questions regarding Rules and Handicapping during the COVID-19 era. Please click here for more information.

We understand that this year has been and will continue to be different than others. We'll miss the celebratory high-fives and socializing in the clubhouse after your round concludes, but we will get back to that eventually. For now, let's enjoy the game with honor and begin to show once again that Massachusetts has the most enthusiastic golf community in the country.

In order to ensure that upon reopening that all courses will operate in a safe and effective manner, we have provided the following guidance:

Updated guidelines for golf course:

Security personnel can be delineated by each club (ex. A pro and the head starter) and will be present to enforce social distancing. There can be no other employees working at the recreational component of the golf operation.

All staff must wear face coverings while on property.

Course facilities including but not limited to the clubhouse, golf shop, restaurant, bag room and locker room must remain closed.

No caddies allowed.  
No golf carts allowed, except as outlined below:

The use of a motorized cart may be permitted for any individual with a disability who is seeking a reasonable accommodation to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A golfer who wants to use a cart should provide documentation or otherwise certify in writing to the golf course that he or she has a disability that requires the use of the cart.

Any carts used must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. The course operator may not use non-essential employees to handle the renting and/or cleaning of the carts. Only security and groundskeeping personnel are permitted on the premises.

Push carts may be used. Players must either carry their own bag or use a push cart.

All golfers must maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times.

Groups of players are restricted to no more than 4 players at one time.

Members-only clubs can allow guests as determined by the security personnel on the golf course.

Private clubs that allow non-members to make reservations can do so at their discretion.

Maintenance personnel are permitted to work on the golf course.

Tee Time Policy must be 15 minutes between groups.

Golfers must stay in their car until 15 minutes before their tee time and must return to their car immediately following play.

Online and remote payment options must be utilized.

All golfers must use their own golf clubs. Sharing golf clubs or rental golf clubs is not allowed.

Flagsticks must remain in the hole. Hole liners must be raised so picking a ball out of the hole doesn't occur.

Bunker rakes must be removed, and ball washers must be removed or covered.

Practice putting green, driving range, and chipping areas must be closed.

Facilities must have readily accessible hand sanitizer.

“The Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations (AMGO) would like to thank the Re-Opening Advisory Board for their hard work and diligence during this process to resume play in Massachusetts. AMGO is continuing to work with the Governor's Administration to identify and develop additional solutions to emerging issues in the golf industry and to keep them informed on the needs of our community. We understand that many golfers require cart usage for medical reasons or disabilities, which was originally part of our request to the Re-Opening Advisory Board on May 2. We have and will continue to request such adjustments to the guidelines as appropriate to keep everyone safe and to ensure the whole community is able to enjoy the necessary physical and mental exercise that we all need during this time.”

## Hall to present ‘Women’s Challenge’ games

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the matchups for the Hall of Fame Women's Challenge on Saturday, November 28th and Sunday, November 29th at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn.

Local favorite and 11-time National Champions UConn (which joins the Big East Conference on July 1) will take on Quinnipiac (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) in the opening round, and Maine (America East Conference) will faceoff with Mississippi State (Southeastern Conference). The championship and consolation game will follow on Sunday.

“The Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to celebrate the women's game with our Women's Challenge at Mohegan Sun, a longtime partner of the Hall and a beautiful property for fans to enjoy,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball

Hall of Fame. “UConn fans have created an outstanding environment for the many matchups played here over the years and we are excited to host our three additional participating schools in a first-class event.”

The Women's Challenge is one event in the Hall of Fame's series of collegiate events, which continues to grow in an effort to celebrate the game outside the museum walls. Tickets will be available for purchase via the Mohegan Sun box Office and Ticketmaster in September 2020. Specially discounted two-day ticket packages will start at \$25 and offer a savings of 30 percent or more (off the single day rates). Game times and television details will be released at a later date. As the health and safety of the athletes, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely in the coming months and provide updates as needed.

## Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back.

The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.

## Sign-ups on hold for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the

league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. The league is

hopefully to begin play sometime in June or July. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood

bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to https://www.quabbinvalley-baseball.org/. The league is also in Facebook.

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Quabbin Middle School National Junior Honor Society members honored

BARRE — The Quabbin Regional Middle School 2020 National Junior Honor Society members were honored Thursday, May 7, 2020. The formal Induction Ceremony was cancelled due to the Covid - 19 pandemic. Forty-one members came by the middle school to receive their honor cords and certificates. The certificates and cords were handed out by the Quabbin Middle School's NJHS advisors, Ann Duval and Julie Tucker. Pictures were taken by the Yearbook Advisor, Michelle Hall. Most members donated individually wrapped snacks for their community service project.

The members decided to make up goody baskets to be donated to the healthcare workers at The Barre Health Center, Heywood Hospital, Mary Laine Hospital and Baystate Wing Hospital. The object of the National Junior Honor Society is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to foster worthy leadership and citizenship and to encourage the development of character in students of Quabbin Regional Middle School. Candidates must meet the academic eligibility requirement of a 90 percent cumulative average over four marking terms and

complete an application describing co-curricular and community activities, leadership positions, work experience, recognition and awards, as well as why they feel it is important to become a member of the National Junior Honor Society. These applications are then reviewed by the Faculty Council. The following students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society: Alena Arnold, Riley Bassett, Hannah Baxter, Vivienne Benoit-Smith, Landon Bissonnette, Cassidy Burke, Brianna Caponigro, Kylie Casey, Chloe Dennis, Samantha Dube,

Madeline Faucher, Duncan Fauteux, Kacie Gallagher, Austin Girouard, Avery Gould, Edward Guertin, Colin Harmon, Nikoli Howard, Abigail Hughes, Sophia Januszewski, Jackson Langlois, Grace LaValley, Jake Leazott, Ally Legare, Paige Lindley, Annabelle Magill, Gavin Majoy, Natalia Marchand, Kelsey Marsh, Emma Masser, Jenna Nadeau, Camryn Orsini, Max Scott, Kayla Sherblom, Peter Stanley, Amy Stauder, Belle Stebbins, Heather Stuart, Eleanor Thompson, Michael Tobin, Seth Twarog, Benjamin Vasseur and Brianna Whitelaw

QCC offers free online courses for businesses

WORCESTER – Quinsigamond Community College's (QCC) Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education recognizes the tumultuous workplace environment businesses now find themselves in, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. QCC has taken the unusual approach of offering free online learning opportunities and resources, designed to address the needs of companies and their workforce in this new and evolving landscape.

"This is a time in our history where we must all come together for the common good. Our economy and our livelihood depends on the success and viability of our companies and it is imperative that we assist them in this time of major economic disruption," said QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja. "COVID-19 has dealt a lethal blow to many businesses and those businesses that don't have the skills needed in the current and post pandemic world will likely not survive."

As businesses begin to adapt to new ways of delivering goods and services, they must reinvent themselves and learn to adapt digital working practices into their current workplace practices. QCC is offering companies the tools to help make the transition.

"Supervisors and employees in every industry sector faced a steep learning curve as they worked together to move business services on-line over the past few weeks. Now, the 'normal' has shifted and it is time to focus on maximizing the quality and efficiency of these services," said QCC's Associate Vice President for Strategic Academic and Workforce Initiative, Kathy Rentsch. The college is now offering 20

free courses to business owners and members of their workforce to serve as a valuable resource for industries in the region. All courses are offered online for a limited time and are self-paced.

"Courses that are offered are designed to appeal to all levels within an organization and range in focus from strategic planning courses, such as Managing the Virtual Workplace, to specific targeted skills courses, such as Microsoft Office 365 and Excel," Kathleen Manning, Dean of Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education.

"This modular on-line learning program provides each student the flexibility to design an individualized program to build knowledge, skills and abilities for success," Rentsch added.

While no one knows what the future will bring, those companies that pivot and adjust to the changing times will be in a much better position than those that maintain the status quo.

"The current COVID-19 crisis has challenged both employers and employees to very quickly adapt to where and how they work. QCC plays a vital role in providing education that reflects the just-in-time needs of both groups," Manning said. "It is important that QCC serves as a resource to address any skill gaps this adaption created."

To register for a course or learn more, people may visit QCC's Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education. For more information about QCC, people may contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu

Hampden County Bar Association offers scholarships

REGION - The Hampden County Bar Association is now accepting applications for the John F. Moriarty Scholarship and the Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship. The John F. Moriarty Scholarship is available to any Hampden County resident who has been admitted to or is attending a certified law school for the 2020-2021 academic year. Applicants must have been residents of Hampden County for at least five years. The deadline date for the John F. Moriarty Scholarship is July 15, 2020. The Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship is available to any Veteran with an Honorable Discharge or a current member of the United States Military who has been admitted to or is attending a certified law school in New England for the 2020-2021 year. The dead-

line for the Colonel Archer B. Battista Veterans Scholarship is July 15, 2020. Both scholarships are based on merit and financial need. Both applications and additional information are available by contacting the Caitlin Glenn at the Hampden County Bar Association at (413) 732-4660, caitlin@hcbar.org or online at https://www.hcbar.org/about-us/scholarships/.

Founded in 1864, the Hampden County Bar Association is a non-profit organization representing the interests of lawyers, the justice system, and the public in Hampden County in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It provides professional support, education and networking opportunities to its members, and advocacy on behalf of lawyers, the judiciary, and the public.

Abigail Castriotta receives juried student art exhibition scholarship

NEW LONDON, N.H. — Colby-Sawyer announces that Abigail Castriotta of Barre, a member of the class of 2021 majoring in studio art and environmental studies, has been selected as a Gladys Greenbaum Meyers '39 Juried Student Art Exhibition scholarship recipient. Recipients were selected by faculty based on the conceptual and technical quality of their work in a variety of disciplines, including ceramics, drawing, graphic design, illustration, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor and mixed media.

Due to the COVID-19 stay-at-home mandate, students digitally submitted their five works for adjudication by faculty. The opening reception and exhibition, traditionally held at Colby-Sawyer's Sawyer Fine and Performing Arts Center, was cancelled.

"The School of Arts & Sciences

did not want the event cancellation to impact students' ability to participate in the juried process," said Professor and Sawyer Center Gallery Director Loretta Barnett, who has curated more than 30 student art exhibitions over her 42-year tenure at the college. "It was important to faculty that we continue to provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their breadth of talent and skills and earn valuable scholarships. We thank all of the students who participated this year."

Gladys Greenbaum Meyers '39 was a loyal and generous alumna. Her lifelong appreciation for and devotion to the arts, coupled with her commitment to higher education, inspired her to establish an endowment to support the annual juried student exhibition, open to all Colby-Sawyer students regardless of major.

UNH lists May 2020 graduates

DURHAM, N.H. — Local students, who graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham Saturday, May 16, 2020 during a virtual celebration included: James Webber of Petersham, with a BS degree in business administration finance, Brandon Smith of Rutland, with a MS degree in computer science and Taylor Starkey of Rutland with a BS degree in sport studies.

Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements

have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

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**CLUES ACROSS**  
 1. It's now called Experian  
 4. You can draw it  
 7. Very fast aircraft  
 10. Go quickly  
 11. Fifth note of a major scale  
 12. Biochemical abbreviation  
 13. Make somebody laugh  
 15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)  
 16. City in NE Morocco  
 19. Colorless gas  
 21. NE football player  
 23. A snake is one  
 24. Small spot  
 25. Inform  
 26. Republic of Ireland  
 27. Large statues  
 30. Documents about an individual  
 34. Helps little firms

35. Namibia's former name  
 36. Large insects  
 41. Thirsty  
 45. A well-defined track or path  
 46. One who utilizes  
 47. Plant-eating mammals  
 50. Not in tip-top shape  
 54. Alternate names  
 55. A part of a broadcast serial  
 56. City in central Italy  
 57. LOTR actor McKellen  
 59. Trees provide it  
 60. Men's fashion accessory  
 61. Type of screen  
 62. Snakelike fish  
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**CLUES DOWN**  
 1. Hit heavily  
 2. Italian rice dish  
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 5. Read-only memory  
 6. Passed by  
 7. Northern diving ducks  
 8. References  
 9. Iranian language  
 13. Swiss river  
 14. Woman (French)  
 17. Gov't department (abbr.)  
 18. Consumed  
 20. Ailments  
 22. Balkan Jewish appetizer  
 27. Reciprocal of a sine  
 28. Skywalker mentor  
 —Wan  
 29. Resinous secretion of insects

31. Similar  
 32. Female sheep  
 33. Cool!  
 37. Borders the Adriatic Sea  
 38. Flowers  
 39. It's sometimes upped  
 40. Immobile  
 41. Female body parts  
 42. Common request  
 43. Made a second thrust  
 44. Fell into deep sleep  
 47. Subway resident  
 48. Brew  
 49. The event of being born  
 51. Aspirations  
 52. Doctor of Education  
 53. Punk musician — Dee Ramone  
 58. A subdivision of a play

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College Dean's lists

Ruby Caron installed to Dean College NSLS

FRANKLIN — Dean College announces Ruby Caron of Hubbardston has been installed as a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) for the spring semester.

The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) is the nation's largest leadership honor society, with students nominated by their college or university for membership based on academic standing and leadership potential. Candidacy is a nationally recognized achievement and NSLS currently has more than 1.2 million members nationwide. Along with the honorable distinction, NSLS provides a multi-step program for members to build leadership skills through participation at their campus and online, as well as other benefits such as scholarships and awards and employer recruitment.

Dean College started its first NSLS chapter in January of 2013. Since that time, over 650 students have completed the necessary steps and been inducted into this prestigious society. Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin.

Colby-Sawyer College announces dean's list

NEW LONDON, N.H. — Colby-Sawyer College recognized 283 students for outstanding academic achievement during the 2020 spring semester. Local students included Abigail Castriotta of Barre, a member of the Class of 2021 majoring in environmental studies and studio art and Catherine Dinsdale of Rutland, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in psychology. To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours in graded courses.

Elms College announces intent to reopen campus for the fall

CHICOPEE — The College of Our Lady of the Elms announced that it intends to reopen its campus for the fall 2020 semester following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Elms College President Harry Dumay, Ph.D., MBA, has appointed a task force of campus leaders in academics, residential life, public safety and other areas to assess the possible return of services such as on-campus housing and dining. The task force will determine when the services can reopen while at the same time ensuring the health and safety of students, faculty and staff. An official reopening date will be determined with the task force's recommendations.

For additional information regarding Elms College's monitoring, planning, and response to COVID-19, people may visit www.elms.edu/coronavirus.

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# Obituaries

## DEATH NOTICES

**Keddy, Mabel (Flagg)**  
Died May 3, 2020  
Private Burial  
Kendall Plains Cemetery

**Rival, Elly M.**  
Died May 13, 2020  
Funeral services May 19, 2020  
Glen Valley Cemetery

### Mabel (Flagg) Keddy, 80

BARRE – Mabel (Flagg) Keddy, 80, died peacefully on May 3, 2020 in Heywood Hospital. She leaves a son, Daniel J. Keddy of Oceanside, Calif. and a daughter, Leona (Flagg) Better of Barre; five siblings, Rodney Flagg and Louise of Orange; Paul Flagg and Sue of Hubbardston; Rosemary Pinn of Athol; Alan Flagg and Shavone of Oakham and Janet Smillie and Matt of Sandwich; eight grand-

children; many nieces and nephews.

Mabel resided at Wachusett Manor in Gardner. She attended the old Barre High School and later became a homemaker.

Private burial will be held in Kendall Plains Cemetery Old Coldbrook Road, in Barre. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre.

### Elly M. Rival, 93

BARRE – Elly M. Rival, 93, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at her daughter's house in Charlton, Wednesday, May 13, 2020. She is pre-deceased by her husband, Raymond and one of her grandsons.



for a time. She was also an active member in the central Mass German Club and enjoyed those evenings out with her husband. She was also tremendously proud of having earned her full U.S. citizenship.

During her wonderful life, she thoroughly enjoyed going to bingo with her friends, late night trips to Foxwoods to play the one-armed bandits, cooking up a storm for an eager family, spending time with her grand kids, watching her puzzle show (Wheel of Fortune) everyday, watching the Red Sox play baseball and especially enjoying her pride and joy boat. A tri-haul boat with an 85 h.p. motor that brought pure joy to her eyes whenever she saw people enjoying the boat.

The funeral took place at Glen Valley Cemetery in Barre Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. for immediate family members with all being required to wear a mask. Others who attended the funeral were required to stay in their vehicles during the funeral ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Barre Congregational Church, P.O. Box 936, Barre, MA 01005 or the Central Mass Hospice, 191 Pakachoag St., Auburn MA 01501. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home, 96 South Barre Road, Barre.

## Tri-Parish Community Church news

The Hardwick Food Pantry gets at least 90 percent of its food from the federal and state supported Worcester Country Food Bank in Shrewsbury. This is a huge warehouse that houses shelf stable foods like canned goods, pasta, cartons of milk (highly homogenized milk) and sometimes fresh produce, butter, eggs and frozen meat. This food comes to pantries all over the US from the USDA and other agencies. We pick up a big carload in a big car once a month - about 2,500 pounds of food. All of the food from the Food Bank is free. We keep a deposit of \$350 at the Food Bank simply to establish ourselves as a pantry. It used to be that some of the food at the food bank needed to be purchased with church funds, but that hasn't been true for years.

The second largest supplier of food to the pantry is Hannaford Supermarket, which helps pantries throughout Massachusetts by supplying frozen meat to the pantry on a weekly basis. We go and pick up 3-5 crates of meat every week and it is tremendously important to our clients. It's a wonderful service and completely unlike any other supermarket. All of this meat is free to us.

The third largest suppliers to the pantry are local people mostly from the Tri-Parish Community Church, St. Augustine Mission in Wheelwright and St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Gilbertville and sometimes from schools that have food drives especially St. Aloysius and sometimes Quabbin Regional High School. Brooklyn Stolgitis had a very successful food drive at local stores in the fall. Every time we go to the pantry there are plastic bags on the chairs holding kind donations. The Nichols from the Tri-Parish Community Church use coupons to bring a lot of food and other

goods and Michelle Atwood from New Briantree does the same.

The food pantry receives sizable gifts of food from local businesses and farmers and gardeners, who have large supplies of squash in the fall. The businesses are the Robinson Farm that donates a lot of cheese and Rose 32 that often supplies us with eggs, bread and pastries. As they closed for the virus, the Mitchells of Rose 32 donated 60 dozen eggs, the Exchange gave 60 cartons and Kelly Allen boxed them all.

At Thanksgiving the pantry receives 20 large turkeys from the Worcester County Food Bank. Sometimes the food bank also send cranberry sauce and stuffing. Many of the clients are single people and some have little refrigeration. This year the food pantry bought smaller chickens and some stuffing from Walmart. Next year they hope to buy more cranberry sauce and stuffing than they did this year.

The Summer Farmer's Market Program is the most innovative program and the most costly. Quite a few years ago now, worrying about the diets of clients, the food pantry started to hand out monthly coupons to each household they serve each month from late June to mid-October. Each household receives a coupon for \$20 a month to be spent on produce and dairy products. One of the wonderful things about this program is that it is a win-win for farmers and clients alike.

This rising popularity means that it is by far the main expense of the pantry. The food pantry is grateful to Tri-Parish for helping raise these funds and for holding the donations and distributing the funds to the vendors. The pantry thanks the Stillman family for overseeing this program and being the steady suppliers to clients.

# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

*Note:* The Barre Gazette staff reached out to area churches if they would provide sermons during the Coronavirus pandemic. Any pastor, priest or rabbi wishing to participate may email either [barrenews@turley.com](mailto:barrenews@turley.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com).

### The Beatitudes of Christ Pt. 4

In recent weeks we have reflected upon the Beatitudes of Christ. They are recorded as follows in the Gospel of Matthew:

Matthew 5:3-12  
3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Having considered verses 3-7 in past editions, let us reflect upon those passages that remain.

1) Blessed are the Pure in Heart (v. 8)

#### Matthew 5:8

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

The theme of purity has deep roots in the Bible. For instance, consider the following section of Psalm 24:

#### Psalm 24:3-5a

3 Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?

Who may stand in his holy place?

4 The one who has clean hands and a pure heart...

Herein the psalmist wrestles with a significant question. Namely, "Who can access the presence of God?" (v. 3). Inspired by God, the writer offers the following in reply: "The one who has clean hands and a pure heart" (v. 4).

We must understand what it means to have "clean hands and a pure heart" to access this text. Simply stated, "clean hands" refers to godly action, whereas a "pure heart" indicates a rightness of attitude, motivation and will. In light of this information, who can access the presence of God? Those who are without fault—both inwardly and outwardly.

Of course, this poses a serious problem. Who among us can meet such a qualification? How many in the proverbial sound of my voice profess any degree of moral perfection? Certainly not this minister. In fact, the Word of God indicates that we are incapable of meeting such a standard!

#### Romans 3:10b-12

There is no one righteous, not even one;

11 there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.

12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Even David, the author of Psalm 24 above, freely confessed his own sinfulness:

#### Psalm 51:5

5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Scripture posits that we are all severed from the presence of God because none of us are truly pure. This is dreadful news, but thankfully the story does not end there! Graciously, the Lord has provided remedy for that which ails us. Through faith in Christ and in His finished work on the Cross, we find complete cleansing and restoration to God. I revel in the glories of the following passages—both penned by the apostle Paul:

#### 2 Corinthians 5:21

21 God made him [i.e., Christ] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### Romans 5:1-2a

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

More than this, God is at work in the lives of His own, cultivating purity. Supernaturally, He daily transforms us from the inside out, so that those who have been cleansed from sin might learn to live pleasingly before Him (cf. John 15:1-8; Galatians 5:16-25). In a sense, we have been purified and we are being made pure through His power.

Ultimately, what promise is in store for those who have been purified by God and live accordingly? Unhindered access to God for time and eternity!

#### Matthew 5:8

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

2) Blessed are the Peacemakers (v. 9)

#### Matthew 5:9

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

The blessing of the Lord is on those who diffuse peace in this broken world. In fact, He has called us to be agents and emissaries of peace.

Years back I heard a preacher make the following statement: "With the equipment God has given to you, you will either build walls or you will build bridges." In other words, the totality of your life will either work to promote peace or hinder it. There really is no middle ground. So, I ask you...

Is your life characterized by the promotion of unity, harmony and accord or by unceasing discord, drama and strife? Moreover, does your life reflect a commitment to biblical instruction concerning your role in the fostering of peace?

For instance, how quickly do you seek reconciliation with those you are at odds with? Do you realize that we are all mandated by God to pursue such reconciliation for the purpose of peace? Consider the instruction of Christ on this topic:

#### Matthew 5:23-24

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

The application of this precept is challenging, but essential. We all must strive to live peaceably with our fellow man, doing whatever we can to establish, maintain and preserve harmony. This is affirmed in the following mandates from Scripture:

#### Hebrews 12:14

14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

#### Romans 12:18

18 If it is possible, as far as it

depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

And what reward awaits those who are peacemakers?

#### Matthew 5:9

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children [i.e., sons] of God.

The people of Jesus' day had two perspectives on "sonship." To begin, the word was used to denote someone born or brought into a family unit (e.g., a biological or adoptive child). Also, it could refer to a child who takes on the characteristics of their parents with the passage of time.

Allow me to illustrate with an example. From the moment I was born into this world, I was my father's son. Yet, as time passed, I naturally became more and more like him. I began to talk like him, sound like him, walk like him, and so forth. To this day, people still comment how I am Ken Foley's son due to personal similarities. In this way I have become my father's son in ever-increasing degrees! To what degree have you taken on the nature of your parents over the decades?

What Jesus is saying in Matthew 5:9 is that peacemakers have taken on the character of their heavenly Father. We know from Scripture that God is the God of peace (cf. Romans 16:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:20) and that heaven is a place of peace (Luke 19:38). We know that God is a peacemaker, for "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). When we function as peacemakers, we show ourselves to truly be His!

3) Blessed are the Persecuted (v. 10-12)

#### Matthew 5:10-12

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Jesus made it quite clear that those who follow Him will suffer persecution:

#### John 15:18-20a

18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. 20 Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.

Of course, the form and intensity of said persecution has varied throughout space and time, but it has been an abiding reality for Christians through the ages. It has been said that more Christians were martyred in the twentieth century than in the previous nineteen combined.

Yet there is blessing even in

the midst of persecution! In what way?

Firstly, those who suffer for their faith shall be rewarded in eternity to come:

#### Matthew 5:10

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Secondly, those who suffer for their faith are ultimately in good company:

#### Matthew 5:11-12

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

As this multi-part series winds to a close I ask you the following:

Do you desire a life characterized by an abiding spiritual happiness?

Do you desire a life that is favored by the Lord (both now and forevermore)?

Do you desire a life that the Lord Himself establishes as both esteemed and enviable?

Then take note of the teaching of Christ and be quick to obey! Thank you for taking the time to read these words. Should you wish to connect further, visit us online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or contact me at 978-355-6407. May the Lord bless you all!

**Pastor James Foley**  
New Life Assembly of God  
South Barre

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

“Christ is Our Hope Always ...”

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few,

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Monday, May 11**  
6:19 a.m. Fire, Automatic Alarm Park Street – False/Accidental/Defective Alarm  
7:14 a.m. Fire, Automatic Alarm Park Street – Investigated  
12:13 p.m. Officer Wanted Worcester Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
2:36 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Williamsville Road – Call Transferred  
4 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) James Street – Arrest(s) Made

**Tuesday, May 12**  
6:37 a.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Spring Hill Road – Officer Advised  
11:49 a.m. Fire, Motor Vehicle Collision Summer Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
12:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Main Street – Area Search Negative  
3:58 p.m. Trespassing Summer Street – Officer Advised  
5:50 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Vernon Avenue – Investigated  
9:15 p.m. Larceny Bentley Road – Report Filed

**Wednesday, May 13**  
4:298 a.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint High Street North – Negative Contact  
3:03 p.m. Suspicious Activity Britton Road West - Officer Spoke to Party  
10:37 p.m. Suspicious Activity South Street – Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, May 14**  
8:18 a.m. Alarm, Residential Pleasant Street – Building Checked/Secured  
8:57 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Wauwinet Road – Information Taken  
10:29 a.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Farrington Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
12:37 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Elm Street North – Information Taken  
1:41 p.m. Officer Wanted Common – Officer Spoke to Party  
6:40 p.m. Officer Wanted Vernon Avenue – Party Departed Without Incident

**Friday, May 15**  
3:10 p.m. Fire, Public Service Call Exchange Street – Services Rendered

4:04 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Valley Road – Confirmed Misdial  
10:05 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) South Barre Road – Canceled

**Saturday, May 16**  
12:43 a.m. Suspicious Activity Worcester Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
10:25 a.m. Alarm, Commercial South Street – Building Checked/Secured  
11:57 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Pleasant Street – Confirmed Misdial  
12:32 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Barre Depot Road – Peace Restored  
11:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Summer Street – Officer Spoke to Party

**Sunday, May 17**  
1:09 a.m. Complaint Peach Street – No Police Service Necessary

**SOUTH BARRE**  
**Wednesday, May 13**  
1:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity Maple Lane – Message Delivered

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, April 26**  
8:41 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Pleasantdale Road – Investigated  
8:07 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Main Street – Building Checked/Secured  
9:08 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Prescott Street – Transported to Hospital

**Monday, April 27**  
1 p.m. Vandalism Lantern Lane – Officer Spoke to Party  
1:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Lee A. Zereski, 40, South Barre  
OUI-Liquor or .08%; OUI-Drugs; Drug, Possess Class B; Marked Lanes Violation; Marijuana, Open Container; Municipal By-Law Ordinance Violation/Open Container  
11:05 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Barre Paxton Road – Confirmed Misdial

**Tuesday, April 28**  
5:41 a.m. Alarm, Commercial Crawford Road – Area Patrolled  
8:25 a.m. Larceny Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party  
2:40 p.m. Assault Maple Avenue – Report Filed  
Arrest: David E. Dumphy, 58, Oxford  
Assault; Assault and Battery on +60 (Spit)  
3:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Personal Injury Fisherman’s Road – Transported to Hospital  
4:36 p.m. Assist Other Police Department Barre Paxton Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
5:05 p.m. 911 – Transfer, Worcester – Call Transferred  
6:21 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Main Street – Investigated  
7:12 p.m. Health Hazard Main Street – Officer Advised  
8:53 p.m. Fraud Ridge Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Wednesday, April 29**  
12:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Maple Avenue – Area Search Negative

2:43 p.m. Fraud Edson Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party  
3:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Maple Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party  
6:17 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Irish Lane – Officer Spoke to Party

Thursday, April 30  
**12:34 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital**  
6:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Main Street – Negative Contact  
4:33 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Emerald Road – Confirmed Misdial  
6 p.m. 911 – Transfer Nancy Drive – Call Transferred

**Friday, May 1**  
9:12 a.m. Vandalism Glenwood Road – Report Filed  
1:15 p.m. Animal Bite Edson Avenue – Message Delivered  
4:33 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Main Street – Confirmed Misdial  
10:30 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Juniper Lane – Protective Custody  
Protective Custody: Danny R. Coutu, 48, Hudson, NH  
Disturbing the Peace; Drug, Possess Class B; Assault and Battery

**Saturday, May 2**  
10:34 a.m. Harassment Rolling Ridge Road – Officer Advised  
3:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Pommogussett Road – Citation Issued  
8:21 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Glenwood Road – Negative Contact

**Sunday, May 3**  
10:25 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Wachusett Rail Trail – Information Taken  
10:54 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Rail Trail – Information Taken  
1:47 p.m. Officer Wanted Pommogussett Road – Vehicle Towed  
3:10 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/

Abandoned/Silent Bigelow Road – Confirmed Misdial  
4:11 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Brunelle Drive – No Police Service Necessary  
7:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Personal Injury Bushy Lane – Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Monday, May 4**  
9:25 a.m. Fraud River Road – Report Filed  
1:57 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Main Street – Investigated  
2:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Hit and Run Maple Avenue – Services Rendered

**Tuesday, May 5**  
7:38 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Matthew J. Fritscher, 35, Drug, Possess Class B, Subsequent Offense  
Arrest: Jesse J. Biando, 29, East Brookfield  
Drug, Possess Class B  
6:11 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Crawford Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
2:06 p.m. Harassment Winifreds Way – Officer Spoke to Party  
2:34 p.m. Illegal Dumping River Road – Investigated  
4:15 p.m. Health Hazard Pommogussett Road – Gone On Arrival

**Wednesday, May 6**  
1:58 a.m. Suspicious Activity Joanna Drive – Negative Contact  
1:51 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency East County Road – Referred to Other Agency  
2:17 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Maple Avenue – Peace Restored  
4:54 p.m. 911 Transfer Spencer – Call Transferred  
7:03 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Maple Avenue – Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, May 7**  
12:34 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Campbell Street – Information Taken  
3:52 p.m. Suspicious Person Maple Avenue – Negative Contact

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**Kenan P. Young, Chairman**  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Hardwick  
5/14, 5/21/2020

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, May 10**  
4:06 p.m. Suspicious Activity North Brookfield Road – Negative Contact  
8:15 p.m. Suspicious Person Scotts Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
8:48 p.m. Suspicious Activity Scott Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
9:54 p.m. Motor Vehicle Abandoned Worcester Road – No Action Required

**Monday, May 11**  
11:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Citation Issued  
Summons: Brian J. Malvey, 36, Oakham  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle/Allowing; Unregistered Motor Vehicle/Allowing  
12:14 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Barre Road – Information Taken  
2:509 p.m. Building/Property Check North Brookfield Road – Investigated  
3:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Nicholas J. Bishop, 31, Leominster  
Drug, Possess Class B; Resist Arrest

**Tuesday, May 12**  
5:41 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent North Brookfield Road – Negative Contact

**Wednesday, May 13**  
9:22 a.m. Suspicious Activity East Hill Road – Investigated

**Thursday, May 14**  
9:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Disabled North Brookfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, May 15**  
5:23 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Flint Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal

**Saturday, May 16**  
11:49 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Oakham – Information Taken  
12:56 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Bechan Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
8:12 p.m. Gunshots North Brookfield Road – Negative Contact

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, May 10**  
3:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

**Tuesday, May 12**  
9:36 a.m. Alarm, Commercial Main Street – Officer Advised  
10:56 a.m. Suspicious Activity Hale Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
1:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Seminole Avenue – Party Departed Without Incident

5:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Jacob S. Foley, 33, Barre  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Revoked, Operate Motor Vehicle With  
6:49 p.m. Suspicious Activity Barre Road – Officer Spoke to Party  
8:33 p.m. Threats Burnshirt Road – Criminal Complaint

**Thursday, May 14**  
5:32 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Lombard Road – Confirmed Misdial  
8:44 p.m. Suspicious Person Grimes Road – Services Rendered

**Friday, May 15**  
12:42 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint George Howard Road – Negative Contact  
7:28 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Underwood Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Saturday, May 16**  
1:29 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent East Comet Pond Road – Confirmed Misdial  
7:57 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued  
8:01 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Mt. Jefferson Road – Transported to Hospital

## Hardwick Police Log

**Monday, May 4**  
2:04 p.m. Phone – Complaint Red Bridge Area – Negative Contact  
3:09 p.m. Phone – 911 Misdial Barre Road – Spoken To  
4:26 p.m. Initiated – Neighbor Dispute Church Lane – Peace Restored  
5:13 p.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Prospect Street – Services Rendered

**Tuesday, May 5**  
1:03 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Common – Spoken To  
7:16 p.m. Phone – Complaint Church Street – Spoken To

**Wednesday, May 6**  
1:58 p.m. 911 – Elevator Call/

Alarms Old Petersham Road – Dispatch Handled  
2:02 p.m. Initiated – Property Damage Barre Road – Officer Handled  
3:12 p.m. 911 – Unattended Death Greenwich Road – Report Taken

**Thursday, May 7**  
5:37 a.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Old Petersham Road – Spoken To  
1:23 p.m. Phone – Fraud Main Street – Officer Handled

**Friday, May 8**  
12:17 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Church Lane – Transported to Hospital  
2:25 p.m. Phone – Suspicious

Activity Czesky Road – Services Rendered  
4:54 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Turkey Street – Investigated

**Saturday, May 9**  
6:51 a.m. Phone – Alarm Lower Road – Checked/Secured  
8:51 a.m. 911 – Misdial Prouty Road – Spoken To

**Sunday, May 10**  
9:25 a.m. 911 – Misdial Main Street – Officer Handled  
10:37 a.m. Initiated – Investigation Barre Road – Officer Handled  
5:25 p.m. 911 – Disturbance Pine Street – Peace Restored

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that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

#### I. Introduction:

If someone were to ask you, like the Apostle Peter is asking his fellow Christians, ‘Who is going to harm you when you are doing good’, I wonder what you will say? Maybe something like this, I don’t know, I don’t think someone would want to hurt me. I am just volunteering at the food pantry, I am helping to set up fellowship hall for the community supper, I am just being a deacon helping with worship services, and so forth. Who would want to harm me?

#### I. When Christian believers suffer unfairly

In our passage the Apostle Peter is asking that question to the early Christian believers who are suffering at the hands of those around them. We read in the preceding verses about the insults, and the physical assaults they experienced. While they were not persecuted on a national level, he was concerned about the difficulties they went through at the hands of those in their local communities, and so he is encouraging them to stay strong in the midst of these hostilities.

He then tells them not to be afraid of their adversaries, but to be faithful to Christ in the face of their suffering. Even if you should suffer for what is right, he says, you are blessed. These Christian believers were living good lives, and believed in Jesus Christ, and because of that they suffered all these things. The Roman Christians were especially seen as traitors and enemies of the State. Peter’s words are a reminder of the words from Jesus in the Beatitudes in Matthew 5 verse 10, “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness.” This sounds so unfair, and one wonders

why he would say this? Why is the Bible teaching this kind of thing?

#### II. It is not God’s will that they suffer, but that they do what is right

In verse 17 these Christians are being counseled that it is important to do right by God, and that God is aware that they suffer because of their good deeds. They suffer, because of doing good, not evil, and God knows that, and they are still operating within God’s will. This kind of suffering was not unique to the early Christian believers. Peter is referencing Isaiah 8 verse 12 when Isaiah was encouraging the Israelites in Juda, to stay strong despite their own suffering. He brings that text into this new and different context, says Karen Jobes in her New Testament Commentary on 1Peter, and makes it relevant for them in their own circumstances. In the same way as the Israelites had to stay faithful to God in their suffering, the Christian believers must do the same.

#### III. Christ, their Hope

Peter encourages these Christians to stay strong, because their hope in Christ, who gives them a future beyond their suffering. Christ, who suffered and died Himself at the hands of His persecutors, overcame death and became victorious in His resurrection. Suffering and death did not hold Him back but propelled Him into a life with God, with the angels and authorities and powers all submitting themselves to Him. That is life beyond suffering, life without fear. Do not fear, he says. Keep on doing good and what is just. This reminds me of the text in Micah, where the prophet asks what God wants from us, and then echoed these words, “to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” That is the purpose of their lives, and if that purpose offends others, and they suffer because of that, then they must remember that God knows it all. God’s will for them is to continue to do what is right.

This is the story of faith in God. There is no way around that. Being a child of God, is the most beautiful thing, and being in relationship with the Most High, is a privilege and incredible journey, because of the power of God Almighty in

one’s ordinary life.

And so, Peter encourages them to talk about their belief in Christ, the One their enemies think is a bizarre figure who was crucified and claimed to be alive, says Jobes. They were to talk about Him in a gentle and respectful manner. Let those who act maliciously against you be ashamed of their behavior, as long as you do what God wants you to do, he says. While suffering is the result of human action, the victory and hope will be in Christ.

#### IV. Conclusion

That same question is coming to us this morning. Who is going to harm you? What are you afraid of? How have you been suffering lately? Our answers would look like this, I am already ill, I have financial worries, I am concerned about this pandemic, which just came upon us! I did not ask for these things to happen! We have legitimate reasons to be upset about the harm and injustices we are experiencing.

Whatever the context and the problems, whether it is Juda in the Old Testament, the early Christians in their day, or us now during a time like this, the questions are the same, why are we going through this, who is doing this harm? When will it end?

Perhaps there is something we have not explored. In verse 12, it says “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do the evil.” This text gives the early Christians and all of us the certainty that whatever harm we experience, we have a God whose eyes and ears are focused on us. In our suffering God is with us through it all. May we, therefore, never stop defending our faith and belief and may we never give up doing what is right and just, but let us always do it in gentleness and humility. We are not alone in this pandemic, or any of the other struggles we are going through. God sees and God hears, and God is attentive to our prayers. And more...Christ is our hope and knows suffering firsthand. Just as Christ overcame it all, we will too.

May God bless us all. Amen.

**Pastor Margaret Keyser**  
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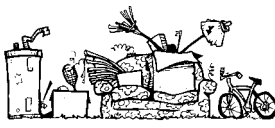
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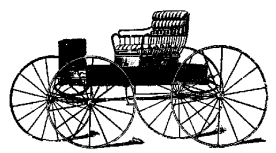
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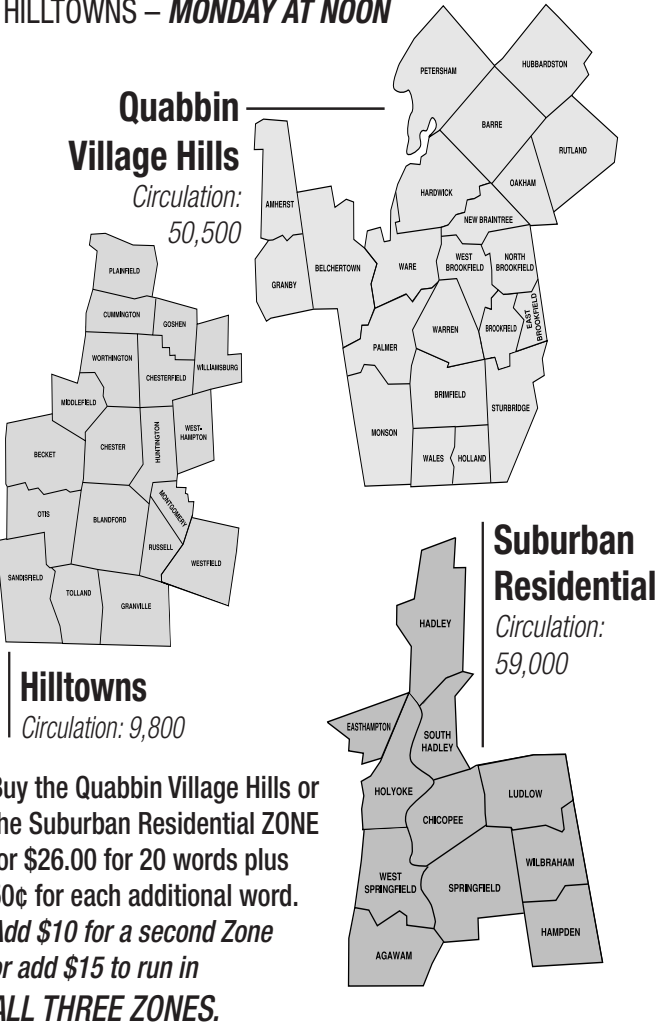
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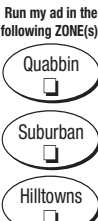
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# Grilling safety tips offered for Memorial Day

While there may not be as many gatherings with family and friends this Memorial Day, many observances of the holiday this year will likely continue to involve outdoor grilling. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reminds everyone to follow basic grilling safety precautions over Memorial Day weekend and beyond, particularly as people remain at home in response to COVID-19.

“Whether you live in a state where stay-at-home policies remain in place or restrictions are beginning to ease, many people will continue

to limit their exposure to the coronavirus, which means a lot more dining and entertaining at home,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. “As the holiday weekend approaches and warmer weather arrives, more of us will be grilling outdoors, which translates to an increased risk of home grilling fires.”

According to NFPA, cooking equipment is the leading cause of U.S. home fires overall, annually contributing to nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires. NFPA estimates show that between 2014 and 2018, an annual average of 10,600

home fires involving grills, hibachis, or barbecues, resulting in 10 civilian deaths, 160 civilian injuries, and \$149 million in direct property damage. July is the peak month for grilling fires, followed by June, May, and August.

Gas grills were involved in an average of 8,900 home fires per year, including 3,900 structure fires and 4,900 outdoor fires annually. Leaks or breaks were primarily a problem with gas grills.

“It’s important to make sure your grill is in good working order and can be used safely, no matter what type of grill you use,” said Carli.

“For households that don’t grill during the winter months, now is the time to conduct a pre-grilling inspection and ensure that the grill is clean and functioning properly.”

NFPA offers these tips and recommendations for enjoying a fire-safe grilling season:

For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks before use. (Watch NFPA’s video on how to check for leaks. This footage can be used as b-roll.)

Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat build-up from the grills and in trays below the grill. Place the grill well away from

the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area.

If you use starter fluid when charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. When you have finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.

Never leave your grill unattended

when in use.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

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